

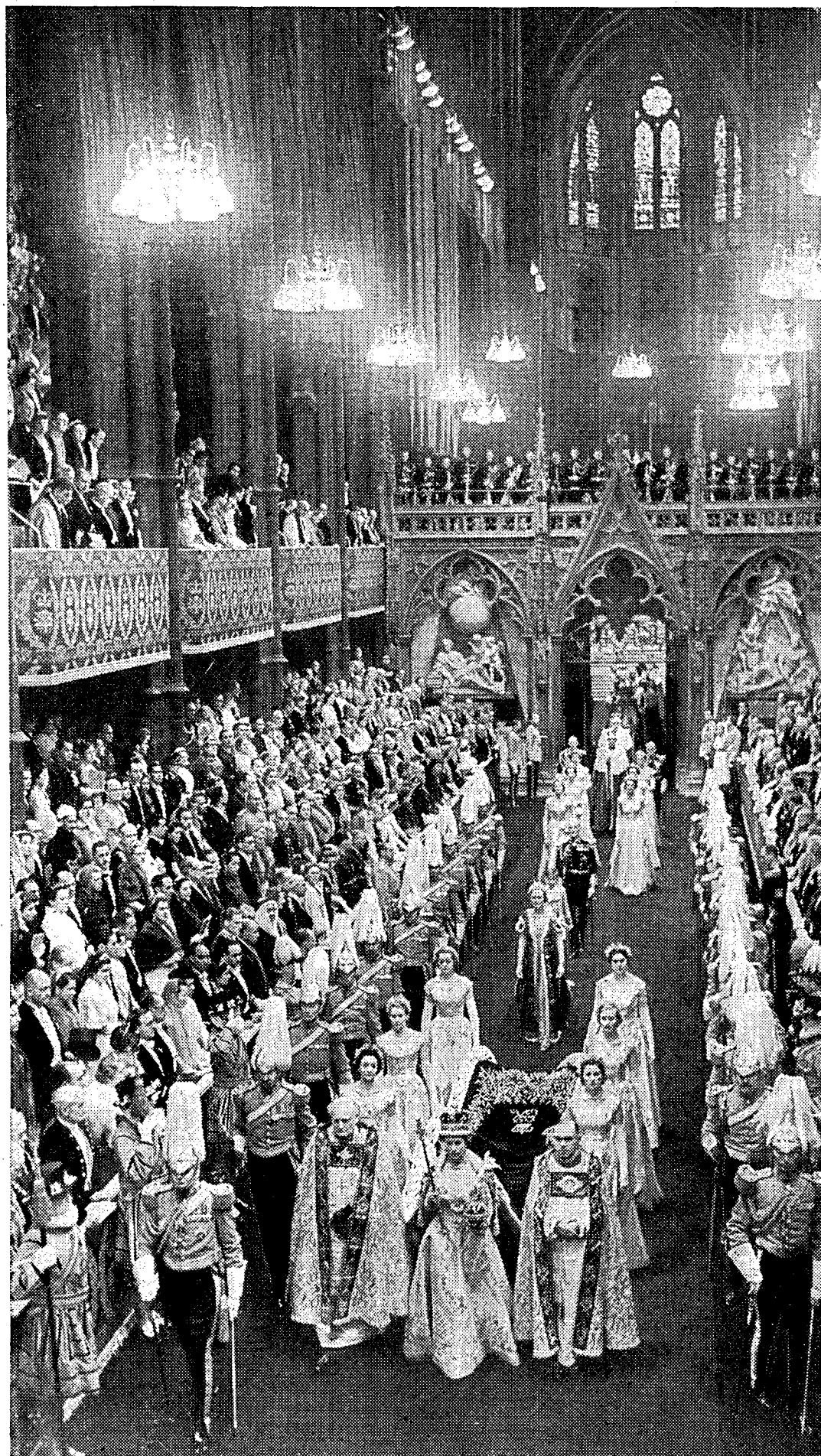
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A TIME OF SPLENDOUR IN BRITISH HISTORY



The crowned Queen Elizabeth goes forth from Westminster Abbey



The Top of the World—Mount Everest (29,002 feet high) which has been conquered by a British expedition.

LET US BE PROUD

It is not straining truth to say that the Coronation was attended by the whole nation, as well as by countless millions beyond the shores of these islands, no less than by those who were privileged to be in Westminster Abbey on the glorious Second of June. Radio and television ensured a vaster audience than has ever before been witness to solemn ceremony.

And the hearts of all those millions who listened and watched in loyal reverence on that great day were uplifted still further by the knowledge that had come to them that very morning of the conquest of Mount Everest by British climbers. The splendour of that achievement matched the hour.

SHINING HOUR

Truly, it was a shining hour! In the ancient fane at the heart of the Empire's capital, within those aged walls transformed by pageantry, were gathered men and women from different States, and of different races, who had travelled across the Seven Seas to pay tribute to the Crown.

Great emperors there have been in the past whose word could summon frightened vassals from far-off cities; but there in Westminster Abbey on June 2 sat a Liege-Lady whose henchmen came joyfully to her crowning, and of their own free will.

Crowned with all the solemn and symbolic ritual that has come down through the centuries, the young Queen

Elizabeth was accepted and acclaimed as the beloved Head of a great family of equal peoples. And every member of that great family was there in spirit.

It would be a dull person indeed who could remain unimpressed by such moving ceremonial. But no less impressive has been the upsurge of loyalty reflected everywhere in the gay decorations in every city and town and village throughout the Commonwealth. Every flag, every device, every illumination, every portrait of the Queen lovingly displayed in countless homes, is an expression of affection and allegiance.

THE GREAT SHARING

It all has a profound significance. In the words of the Canadian Prime Minister, Mr. St. Laurent: "The allegiance to, and the recognition by all, of our one Sovereign as Head of the Commonwealth proclaims a sharing of common ideals and common institutions, a sharing at times of common perils, and on occasions such as this of common national prides and rejoicings."

For that allegiance to the Crown, for that spirit of unity so amply demonstrated in these joyous days, every one of us may be truly proud.

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GETTING READY FOR BERMUDA

By the C.N. Diplomatic Correspondent

A VITAL conference is due to take place in Bermuda later this month between the Prime Ministers of the United Kingdom and France and the President of the United States.

The chief object of the conference is a discussion on the relations of the three Powers with Russia, and their common problems; but President Eisenhower regards it as important if for no other reason than that it would "generate friendship among the three principals exploring each other's minds."

It was in the hope of bridging the gap between East and West that Sir Winston Churchill and President Eisenhower, with the willing co-operation of France, last month made the preliminary arrangements.

The Transatlantic telephone conversations that May night between the President and Sir Winston were a dramatic prelude to an international meeting.

Lights shone from the windows of No. 10 Downing Street until after midnight, and Sir Winston did not go to bed until the first arrangements had been settled.

SHORT NOTICE

It was a measure of the importance placed on the proposed conference that it should have been raised and accepted at such short notice and at such a time.

Constitutional and political difficulties hedge the movements of the chief statesmen of most countries. They cannot at a moment's notice decide to pack their luggage and leave the country for a week or so.

Sir Winston sought and obtained at once the consent of the Queen. But in France there have been difficulties because of the political crisis which resulted in

WHAT IS AN ANTIQUE?

Treasures of the past worth about £4,000,000 will be displayed from June 10 to 25 at the Antique Dealers' Fair and Exhibition.

What makes an object an antique? According to the organisers of the Fair it must be something made before 1830, that year being regarded as the dividing line between the handcraft age and the machine era—so great-grandfather's tricycle is not eligible!

Experts from 16 committees examine all articles to make sure they are of the right "vintage."

The Fair is held in the Great Hall of Grosvenor House in Park Lane, London, admission 5s.

BRAVEST DEED

The award by the Royal National Life-boat Institution for the bravest deed of the year by a life-boatman has been made to Mr. Robert Leng, second engineer of the Flamborough (Yorkshire) life-boat.

It is the second time in two years that this award has come to a member of the Flamborough crew, as the 1951 award was made to Mr. Edward Slaughter, the first engineer. The deeds which led to the awards were similar, too, each man having gone to the rescue of a boy who had fallen over the cliffs and was in peril from the sea.

the fall of the Government almost at the moment the talks in Bermuda were arranged.

However, the adaptability of the French has rarely been found unequal to the emergencies of big political occasions, and no one has feared that they would not be represented at the Conference.

For President Eisenhower, the choice of Bermuda dispensed immediately with a number of constitutional difficulties he would otherwise encounter in arranging a meeting-place.

As head of State, the President would have had to get the permission of Congress before going on foreign soil for the conference. This difficulty was overcome because Bermuda is a British island with an American base, so President Eisenhower will not be in foreign territory.

VITAL TALKS

What is it that may make these proposed conversations between the three leaders the most vital talks for some years?

To begin with, there is the possibility that they will mark the first stage towards an even more important conference with Russia's Prime Minister, Mr. Malenkov.

No one can say at this moment whether the Bermuda meeting will be such a stepping-stone, and President Eisenhower has stated that he does not believe it will necessarily lead to a conference including Russia.

But hopes are at least equal to the doubts expressed on the point. Moreover, without a preliminary conference of this sort it is hard to visualise a meeting in which East as well as West would take part at the highest level.

SIR WINSTON'S HOPE

"It is my main hope," Sir Winston Churchill said the other day, "that we may take a definite step forward to a meeting of far greater import."

Coronation-time has afforded him the opportunity of discussing his ideas with the leaders of the Commonwealth countries. It has enabled him to gauge the prospects of a plan which has caused so much speculation.

The Soviet's first reception of the idea was far from enthusiastic, and the United States seem to regard the Far East as the most pressing problem. The Far East and the future of China will certainly be discussed.

Perhaps, amidst the process of smoothing away difficulties, the opportunity will be seen and grasped for shaping a bold and imaginative approach to the goal of real world peace.

AUSTRALIA'S ALL BLACK TEAM

We suspect that few of the many millions who will be following the play in the first Test Match, which opens at Nottingham's Trent Bridge ground this Thursday, know that the first Australian team to visit this country (in 1868) was made up entirely of Aborigines.

Officially called The Aboriginal Blacks of Australia, the team included players with such picturesque names as Redcap, Sundown, Mosquito, Jim Crow, King Cole, Twopenny. They won 14 matches and drew 14.

A strange picture they must have made on the turf at Lord's, and at intervals in the game they amused spectators with a display of boomerang-throwing. Their photographs can still be seen in the museum at Lord's.

STAR BOWLER

Twopenny was the star bowler, and in one game bowled ten overs for nine runs and nine wickets. King Cole was one of the side's best fielders, but unhappily fell a victim of pneumonia, and died shortly after their first match—against Surrey at Kennington Oval.

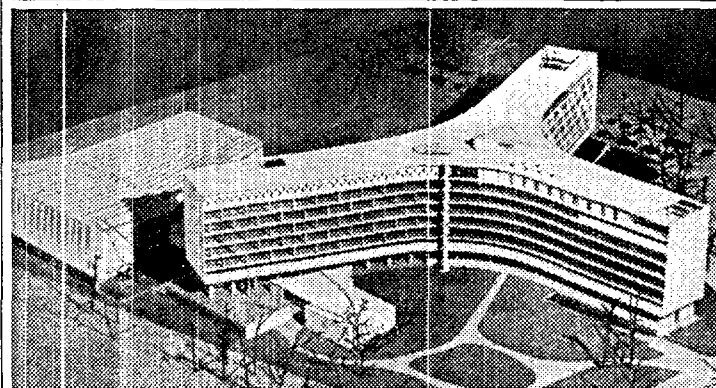
With the exception of Mullagh and Twopenny, who continued to take a leading part in Australian cricket, the Aborigines lost interest in the game after returning home, and made straight for their familiar haunts in the "outback."

The second Australian team in 1878, the first official one to visit England, was an all-white one.

THE VANISHING JAUNTING-CAR

Only two jaunting-cars will be in use this year at the popular little seaside resort of Newcastle in County Down, where once there were 150.

This unique form of Irish horse-drawn transport, with its "well" between the back-to-back folding-down seats, is not yet a museum-piece, however, for American visitors are fond of jaunts in it.



Two headquarters

This model for new headquarters in Paris is to be shown to the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organisation's conference next month. The design was the joint work of a French and an American architect and an Italian engineer. On the right is a gold medallion picturing United Nations H.Q. It has been presented to Mr. Trygve Lie to commemorate his service as U.N.'s first Secretary-General.

News from Everywhere

QUEER BIRD

Mr. A. E. Muffett of Swaffham, Norfolk, has bred a budgerigar with a hood like a judge's wig.

Ronnie Preston, eleven, of Belfast, has won five cups and seven medals for singing at music festivals this year. Recently he won the Gold Medal at the Dublin Festival for the best performance in the Boys' Open Solo Competition.

An American engineering firm is making a machine which can peel 6000 lbs. of potatoes an hour.

ROOF FOR TOC H

The Broken Hill Associated Smelters of Australia are to give seven tons of lead for the roof of the Toc H church of All Hallows-by-the-Tower.

Castleward, County Down, and its estate of 600 acres has been presented by the Government of Northern Ireland to the National Trust.

Dr. and Mrs. A. B. Macdonald of Callander, Perthshire, the founders of a Nigerian leper colony, who retired last year, are returning soon because of a staff shortage there.

FOUND

At Lough Beg, in Northern Ireland, skull and antlers spanning 10 feet of a deer which lived 10,000 years ago were found; on Wimbledon Common, 30 Roman coins; in an opencast coal site at Alfreton, Derbyshire, underground workings of a mine 150 years old; and at Istanbul, a jar containing 1375 pieces of Byzantine gold.

Listening to the birds' dawn chorus recently, bird-watchers found that it was started by the lark just after 3 a.m.

Speleologists will try in August to reach the Gouffre de la Pierre St. Martin, a vast cavern 2000 feet below ground in the Pyrenees.

It is estimated that 750,000 milk bottles are lost in this country every day.

In order to establish public rights on a Thames towpath, members of Bradfield (Berkshire) Council, were advised to tow a matchbox on a piece of string.

WORK FOR BRITAIN

A British firm has won a £306,000 contract to supply six transformers for the U.S. Army's McNary Dam across Columbia River. Another British firm will supply £600,000 worth of earth-moving equipment to Burma for an irrigation scheme.

Chicago, American's second largest city, has more television sets (1,360,000) than telephones (1,320,000) or baths (1,260,000).

Two underground floors of the United Nations building in New York have garage space for 1500 cars.

Craftsman



A full-blooded Aborigine, 63-year-old Willie Bull, is here seen at Melbourne shaping a piece of wood into a boomerang.

A button pressed at the Daggafontein uranium refining plant near Johannesburg started up an atomic reactor at Harwell, Berkshire. In a few minutes, when the reactor had sufficient power, it sent back an impulse to set in motion the Daggafontein plant.

Boone, Iowa, where Mrs. Eisenhower was born, is to name one of its streets Mamie Eisenhower Avenue in her honour.

Whitby's Town Hall, built in 1788 but now disused, may become a maritime museum, and its famous curfew bell may again be rung.

LOOK YOU!

Teledu has been chosen in a BBC competition as the best Welsh equivalent to the word television.

Mrs. Ann Davidson, who set out from Plymouth a year ago to sail alone across the Atlantic, has arrived at the Bahamas.

Four bowfins or beaverfish, almost extinct and found only in North America, have been sent to the London Zoo from Quebec.

Field-Marshal Montgomery has given his wartime black beret and khaki battledress to the Imperial War Museum.

More houses in the world have thatched roofs than any other sort, says a report by the International Labour Organisation.



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OVER THE NORTH-WEST PASSAGE

For centuries navigators dreamed of a short cut to the Far East through the North-West Passage in the Arctic. Now a Scandinavian airliner has completed a journey of 6683 miles over the North-West Passage in less than 35 hours' flying time.

The airliner took off from Oslo, Norway, and completed a round-the-world flight in about a week, passing through Tokyo, Okinawa, Rangoon, Karachi, Cairo, and Rome before returning to Stockholm, Sweden.

Special methods of navigation were necessary for 1778 miles because the Magnetic Pole affected the compasses. Radio bearings and weather reports were transmitted to the aircraft from beacons and stations along the route.

The flight was made possible by the opening of a new airport at Thule, in Northern Greenland.

YOUNG CLIMBERS

To climb a mountain a year is the aim of the masters and pupils of Silsden (Yorkshire) Secondary Modern School.

Last year they scaled Buckden Pike. This year over 200 boys and girls from the school, with 13 members of the staff, have climbed to the 2273-foot summit of Pen-y-ghent and planted the Union Jack upon a cairn.

The youngest member of the party was the headmaster's daughter, Wendy Marion Brown, not quite four.

TUBELESS TYRE

The first British tubeless tyre for cars has been announced by the Dunlop company. It has a rubber lining, and the pressure of the beading against the wheel rim forms an airtight seal.

A puncture-seal layer of rubber also prevents the escape of air.

Pedal cycles, however, cannot have this type of tyre because the spokes pass through holes in the wheel rim.

WINNIE GANDER SETTLES DOWN

There is good news of the crippled Canada goose, Winnie, which was taken from Long Island Sound to Ontario after being claimed by both Canada and the State of Connecticut.

The gander had been stranded on Connecticut's shore, unable to follow its mates north because its tail feathers were injured. Now Winnie (named after Sir Winston Churchill) is in good health at its new home, the Jack Miner bird sanctuary at Kingsville in Ontario.

It has put on weight since leaving Greenwich in Connecticut, but being unable to make long flights, is likely to become a permanent resident in Canada, instead of only a summer tourist.

PETS AMONG THE MONSTERS

A Pets' Corner is due to be opened shortly in the grounds of London's Crystal Palace. It will be on the island in the lake, close to the statues of prehistoric reptiles, which have been restored and redecorated.

Among the pets will be a llama, Soay sheep, goats, small deer, a pony and donkey (which may be ridden by the children), guinea pigs, rabbits, ducks, and geese.

There will also be a Mouse Town in a 15-foot long case at children's eye-level. Mouse Town High Street will consist of miniature houses, shops, and other buildings.

OVERTURE FOR AN OCCASION

Howard Ferguson's new Overture for an Occasion will be first performed on June 30 by the City of Belfast Orchestra, conducted by Denis Mulgan, to mark the Queen's tour of Northern Ireland.

Two groups of themes in this work present different aspects of a great public occasion: firstly, the bustle and excitement of anticipation and, secondly, the pageantry of the great occasion itself.



Successful sisters

Betty, Margaret, and Marie Gear of Horden, Durham, are the holders of many trophies won in jumping competitions. Betty, 19, Margaret, 17, and eleven-year-old Marie are here seen with the horses which have partnered them in so many of their successes.

HOLIDAYS AFLOAT ON THE CANALS

A few weeks ago the CN printed a picture of two canal boats which were said to form, probably, the first floating hotel on our inland waterways. We understand, however, that this honour belongs to the Wayfarer and Wanderer, of the New-Way Holidays organisation.

These two well-appointed canal boats take holiday-makers for delightful cruises along little-known stretches of beautiful and interesting waterways between Leighton Buzzard, Market Harborough, and Warwick.

The boats are diesel driven, and each has single and two-berth cabins with washing facilities and electric light. Meals are served in an observation saloon. The address of New-Way Holidays is Mere House, Oxford Mews, London, W.2.

SAYING IT WITH FLOWERS

Through the Friends of World Society, the children of Tokyo have presented Australia with 50,000 cherry tree seeds.

In due course these seeds will produce beautiful flowering cherry trees, which are a familiar sight in Japan's Springtime, with their masses of double pink and white flowers.

Australia had already received some cherry tree seeds from Japan, but had expressed a desire for more—and Japan's children responded.

MEAT FROZEN FOR 30,000 YEARS

A bison discovered recently in Alaska, frozen in a mass of ice, has been dead for nearly 30,000 years, so scientists estimated. Yet so well was the animal preserved that huskies ate some of the meat with obvious relish.

Steaks from the bison were also declared "fit for human consumption," though the human members of the expedition that unearthed this example of Nature's frozen food store were not tempted to sample them!

MUSICAL YOUNG LEICESTERSHIRE

Fifty young German musicians of the Essen Schools Orchestra are giving concerts in Leicestershire this month. In return, boys and girls of the Leicestershire County School of Music will travel to Essen in July.

There will be 70 children in the Leicestershire party, including the Youth Orchestra, Madrigal Choir, and Military Band.

The musical career of these young Midlanders began in 1948, when schools in the county were invited to send their most promising instrumental players to Leicester every Saturday morning. From this grew the County Youth Orchestra and, later, the Military Band and the Madrigal Choir.

Since 1951 all these activities have had the title of the Leicestershire County School of Music. Each member who attains an adequate standard is given an attractive badge bearing the title.

OLD SWORD UNDER THE BARN

A cavalry sword of Cromwell's time was unearthed the other day when an old barn floor was taken up on a farm at Houghton Green, Lancashire.

It is possibly a relic of the historical "Blood Red" Bank Battle fought at Winwick, which is only a short distance from the farm.

Unearthed with the sword was an iron dagger of more recent date.

The new fast-writing

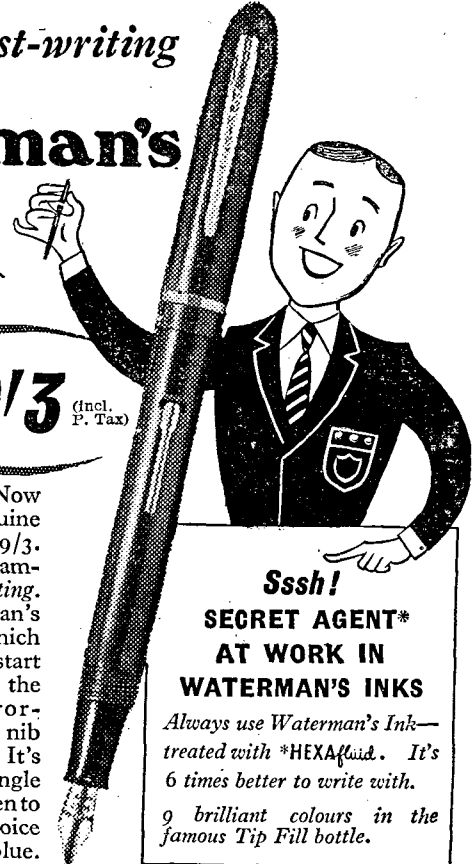
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Royal Yachts past and present

The difference between a Royal Yacht of the past and the Britannia, the Queen's new yacht, is emphasised by these two models, which are in the Exhibition of Royal Yachts at the National Maritime Museum, Greenwich.

TWO THATCHERS DOWN IN DORSET

How would you like to spend your working days up on the top of manor houses and farms and cottages, making new roofs from straw and using the simplest of tools—so simple, most of them, that you could make them yourself?

That is the job of the thatcher, whose craft is slowly dying out as thatched roofs go out of fashion. A highly-skilled craft it is, too, for the straw he uses—sometimes it is reed, cut from the river edge—must be so skilfully placed and fixed that it will stand up to 20 or 30 years of rain, snow, gales, and strong sunshine, and never leak or loosen.

Two of the last of the Dorset thatchers—William Male and Ted Ireland—have been working on the roof of a 400-year-old cottage near Cerne Abbas, Dorset.

Pound House it is called, and it was once the dairy for the monks of Cerne; and while they worked on the steeply-sloping roof they told a CN correspondent how much they liked their work.

Bill has been a thatcher for 20 years. Ted likes the job so much that though he earned more money as a bus-driver, he just had to come back to his thatching, which he learned as a lad.

STURDY WHEAT

The thatchers do not call their roofing material straw, but wheat reed. Straw is what is left over after wheat and barley and oats have been threshed, and it is broken and torn and weak, fit only for fodder or bedding. Wheat reed is strong and thick and sturdy, because instead of going through the threshing machine it is carefully "combed" to get the wheat grains out, and is not crushed and damaged.

A 20-acre field gives Bill and Ted ten tons of wheat, for which they pay as much as £200. They used a ton and a half on just one quarter of the roof of Pound

House, and even their tough hands were cut and scratched by the time they had done two weeks' work.

A thatcher must not mind making an early start and finishing when the sun goes down. Neither must he mind missing a Saturday cricket or football match, nor working on Bank Holidays when everyone else is playing.

And he must not expect, either, to grow rich. A thatcher like Bill does not charge high prices. He says that if he did he would soon be out of business, for it is so much easier to put a roof of tiles on a house than to call in the skilled thatcher.

STRANGE NAMES

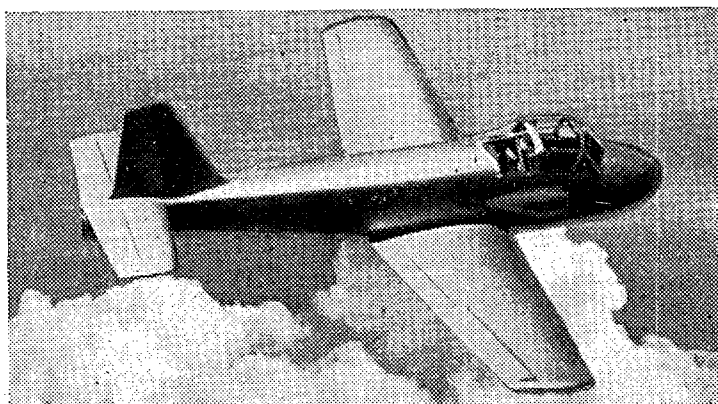
The simple tools used have strange names. There is the groom, rather like a giant builder's hod, which holds the spare reed on the roof while they wait to use the reed; this is made from a curved willow bough.

Another tool is the biddle, rather like a butter-pat in shape, which is made from apple wood or beech, and is used to knock the ends of the reed firmly into place against the roof.

Then there are the spars, 30-inch-long strips of willow, which, after soaking in water, are bent like giant hairpins to hold the reed to the roof. Yet another tool is the queerly-shaped shear-hook which is used with the left hand for neatly thinning the thatch.

These tools, and an ordinary pair of hand clippers to deal with stray wisps, are all the thatchers need to turn that wheat straw into a shining, golden roof, proof against the worst weather, cool in summer, warm in winter.

PLANES FOR THE SPOTTER'S NOTEBOOK



38. The "Jet Provost"

For some time the RAF has been considering training its pupil pilots on jet trainers, and now, as a first step, a small number have been ordered.

The proposed design, the main features of which can be seen in our photo of a model, is an adaptation of the well-known Percival Provost. The nose and fuselage have been redesigned to house a 1500-lb. thrust Armstrong-Siddeley Viper turbojet. Intakes for the jet flank the roomy cabin in which

pupil and instructor sit side-by-side, and another innovation will be the fitting of a tricycle undercarriage. The all-up weight of the aircraft will be about 4500 lbs.

One interesting point about the economics of running a jet trainer is that although it will use its fuel at three times the rate of an ordinary piston-engined trainer, 100 Octane fuel is three times as expensive as Aviation Kerosene, so the actual fuel costs will be about the same. Span: 35 feet; length: 32 feet.



By Ernest Thomson, our Radio and Television Correspondent

Naval occasion

KEITH ROGERS, the TV producer who will control sea and land cameras at the Coronation Naval Review at Spithead next Monday, has been telling me about the complicated arrangements.

In a closed control van at Portsdown, seven miles inland, he will select pictures reaching him by radio from seven TV cameras: three at Portsmouth to show her Majesty arriving and embarking on the despatch vessel Surprise; two on H.M.S. Eagle, aircraft-carrier flagship; and two on H.M. salvage vessel Reclaim.

Transmission from the shore-based cameras will be easy, but "beaming" the micro-wave pictures from the ships will be exceptionally difficult. Both Eagle and Reclaim can be expected to swing at anchor, yet their TV aerials must be accurately aimed on Portsdown. Naval technicians on the aircraft carrier are lending automatic gear used for keeping guns on their target. The BBC engineers on board Reclaim will just hope for a smooth sea.

Gilbert Harding sings

GILBERT HARDING, famous in Twenty Questions and What's My Line? will soon be making more-or-less regular appearances in Children's TV. He will introduce himself this Thursday by singing Three Blind Mice to a bassoon accompaniment composed by his uncle, Mr. C. W. Harding, of the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra.

Later in the month, I hear, we can expect him in Whirligig.

A funny thing

SOME months ago you may have laughed at A Dot on the Map, the tale of a crazy village told in Children's Hour in a play by Anthony Buckeridge, author of the Jennings adventures. It was so successful that it is to be repeated on Friday with two new stories under the title A Funny Thing Happened.

TV interference

"SNOWSTORMS," machine-gun rattles, and other vexatious effects on TV reception are not caused solely by motor-cars without ignition suppressors. A prominent television manufacturer has been telling me that toy electric trains are bad offenders, as well as electric sewing-machines, hair-driers, and food-mixers.

Boy Scout pageant

A "POCKET PAGEANT" seems to me the best description of the batch of records which BBC commentator Raymond Baxter will bring to the Children's Hour studio on Thursday.

The previous day he will have taken his recording unit to the annual Boy Scout musical pageant in the Royal Albert Hall, and we shall be hearing what he considered the high spots of this notable occasion.



All dressed up

The London Zoo elephants, Rusty and Dumbo, wear their new trappings as they give rides to young visitors.

IT IS NESTING-TIME AT THE ZOO

By Craven Hill, CN Correspondent at Regent's Park

THE nesting season is now in full swing at the London Zoo, and looks like being an unusually good one. But, as usual, it is not without its complications.

One of these has occurred at the Three Island Pond enclosure, where a rare Greenland white-fronted goose is busy laying. Unfortunately, the goose made her nest so close to the breast-high fence that there was a real danger of her valuable eggs being taken by thoughtless boys.

The keepers therefore adopted a ruse which seems to be quite successful. As soon as the goose lays an egg a keeper removes it from the nest, places it in an incubator, and slips a common mallard's egg under the sitting goose! So far, she has not appeared to notice the deception.

At the Ostrich House the keepers have been provided with an unusual breakfast—a grey-lag goose egg.

"The goose made a rough nest of dry grass in mid-paddock and began to lay," Headkeeper Hexter told me, "but, having produced one egg, she made the mistake of leaving it for a while unguarded."

"In her absence, a crane, who up till now had been sharing the enclosure, went up to inspect the egg. But in turning it over with his beak, he cracked it."

"We were able to save the contents and had the egg for breakfast. It was much like a hen's egg, but rather stronger."

"Since then, the goose has laid three more eggs and is sitting on them closely. But, just to prevent accidents we have removed the inquisitive crane to another paddock."

"Incidentally, we are looking forward to the hatching of these goslings, as there is no record of the grey-lag, a northern bird, ever

having bred in the Gardens before."

As usual, the Zoo is getting several feathered gatecrashers just now—wild birds in search of nesting sites.

Some are lucky; others are not. One of the unlucky ones was a mallard which came in the other day from the neighbouring park.

Alighting in the penguins' enclosure and seeing a nesting-box apparently unguarded, she stepped inside. Unfortunately for her, the box contained a newly-hatched Cape penguin, and, although Mother Penguin was away from home at the time, she had left her mate Joe on guard outside.

Seeing the mallard enter his home, Joe hurried in after her. Next moment the mallard came out rather faster than she went in!

Nor the least interesting nest in the Gardens is that set up by a pair of rare Alpine choughs at the wading-birds' aviary.

The choughs (obtained from the Berne Zoo, Switzerland, a few years ago) have nested only once before at Regent's Park, in 1949. They built in a willow tree in the aviary and hatched off four chicks.

Unfortunately, before this rare family was fully fledged, a torrential thunderstorm washed the nest away and drowned all the offspring.

To prevent a similar happening this time, Headkeeper Hubert Jones has placed a covered box in the tree, and the choughs have most obligingly built their nest in it.

"At the moment they have one egg, a beautiful, pale-blue one," Mr. Jones said. "There should be more shortly, and I hope that this time the parents will be able to rear their family safely."

GATEWAYS TO SUCCESS—10 Manchester University School of Architecture

THE word architect really means head builder (just as arch-bishop means head bishop), and when you learn to become an architect one of the objects before you is to make better homes and streets and public buildings.

When man had solved the problem of putting up buildings of more or less permanent construction, he began to want them for special purposes—temples, places of assembly, palaces, and so on. Gradually there came to be, over the builder who put up the structure, the master builder or architect who could visualise it before it was built—could design it, in fact, and for some nobler purpose than merely providing a shelter from the weather.

AT the present time there is more urgent need than ever for the architect's service, because we are still far behind with our house-building, and so many of us have to use premises—houses, offices, shops, railway stations, and so on—built when needs and ideas were very different from what they are now.

On the other hand, because we are poorer after two wars and short of labour and materials we cannot do as much new building as is needed, and this has slowed down the intake of young architects. But in a few years this situation should have improved,

and, as the training takes at least five years, the outlook for clever students ought to be a bright one.

The Royal Institute of British Architects, with its glass-fronted headquarters near Broadcasting House, recognises various schools of architecture up and down the country. Manchester University runs one of the best-known of these in a fine new building specially fitted out for the purpose.

This Manchester school is in itself quite an architectural triumph because, though in the midst of a huge industrial area of smoking chimneys, it still gives an impression of light, even when the skies are damp and grey.

There are splendid lecture rooms with triple blackboards, film or lantern screens, and window shutters which are raised and lowered electrically.

The lantern-slide library has over 10,000 slides of every kind of architectural subject. There are big classrooms with tables for the drawing of plans, and wall-boards on which drawings and so on can be displayed for criticism.

There is also a well-equipped darkroom where students may develop and print their own photographs.

THERE are girl students as well as men, and I was told by Professor R. A. Cordingley, Director of the School, that two of his

former students had married and were now famous as Dr. and Mrs. Martin. Dr. Martin was one of the designers of the Festival Hall on London's South Bank, and his wife, also a practising architect, recently carried out a decorative scheme at Swansea University College.

Three possible courses are offered at the Manchester University School. Students can either take the Degree Course (which means working for a B.A. with Honours in Architecture) or the Diploma Course. Both take five years, and passing the finals for the degree qualifies for Associateship of the R.I.B.A. or, in the case of the Diploma, for exemption from the final exam of the R.I.B.A. and admission to the Statutory Register of Architects.

Here at Manchester there is also a five-year course of part-time instruction for students who are already employed in the offices of architects to whom they are attached.

Half the students this year, by the way, have come to the school with scholarships of one kind or another, and if you want to be an architect your Local Education Authority will tell you all about the opportunities. The average age of these students at present is just under 19, and National Service can be deferred from year to year providing the student has passed the exams.

THE most important preliminary is a good general education. Architects must be able to discuss problems arising out of their work, and explain them to all kinds of clients, deal with local authorities, clerks of works, foremen, and so on.

"We are looking for people with wide interests," said Professor Cordingley, "who, besides being able at their work, can be good committeemen (architects often have to sit on building committees) and play an important part in the profession."

The boy or girl who has continued at school at least till the age of 17 has the best chance. The director mentioned that several students who had left school earlier regretted it very much when they found out how the lack of the extra year put them at a disadvantage.

The emphasis during your schooldays ought to be on English and Maths and Art. You should do as much art work as you can,

both for your own pleasure in your spare time as well as at school.

Anyone wanting to join the School of Architecture is always interviewed first, for a great deal depends on personal qualifications.

A member of the staff who conducts many of these interviews said that candidates are asked to bring at least six freehand drawings with them, though not necessarily of architecture. Landscape or figure subjects will do just as well for the purpose.

They are also asked, for instance, how they spend their holidays. Cycling would be a good answer provided (and this is the point) you were not the kind of rider who keeps his head down all the way and never notices the scenery or the people. If you had been interested enough to sketch or photograph a few of the things

you had seen on your excursions, so much the better.

Your hobbies would be inquired into as well. Stamp-collecting, or any other good hobby, would be a recommendation provided you do it intelligently.

FROM a glance at the number of things to be learned during the five years it is obvious that no one who is scared by work need bother with trying to become an architect.

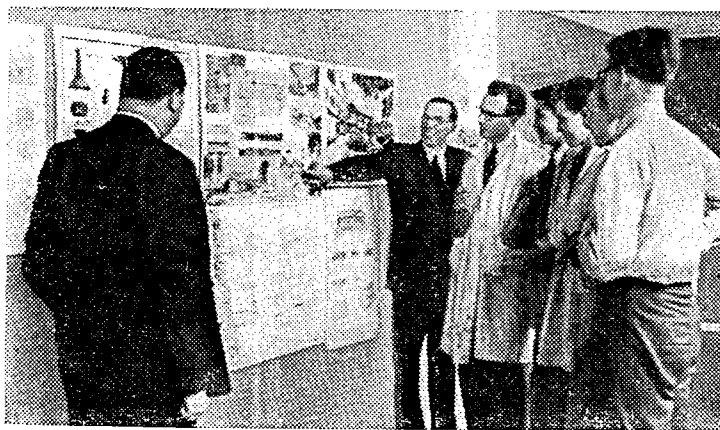
You must know all the different types of building, both past and present, the problems of their construction, and the nature of the different materials from which they are built. You must know the details of flooring and roofing, ventilation and noise-prevention, water supply and drainage. You must know everything about all buildings from a hut to a hotel.

During the fourth and fifth years one whole term is spent out of the university in an architect's or builder's office, or in the capacity of clerk of the works in a building concern. No wonder they want young people of wide interests!

THE chances of a worthwhile career are good. Nowadays about half the total number of architects are employed by the Civil Service or local authorities. But at Manchester most of the students are adventurous enough to prefer private practice.

In any case, to be able to look at some fine building and say, "That was mine!" must be one of the greatest satisfactions there is.

A. V. I.



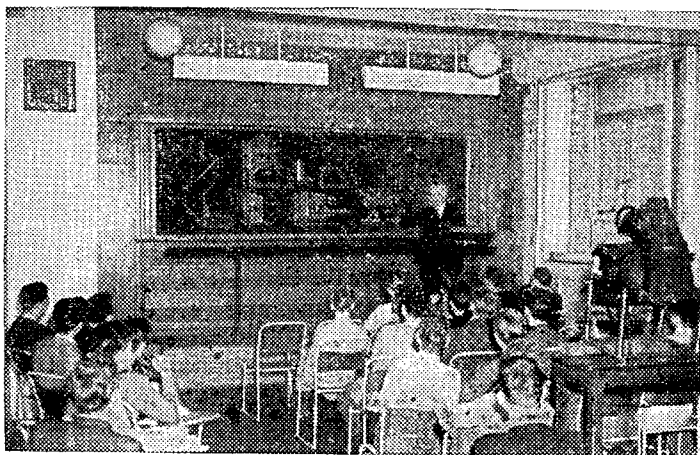
Discussing drawings made by students



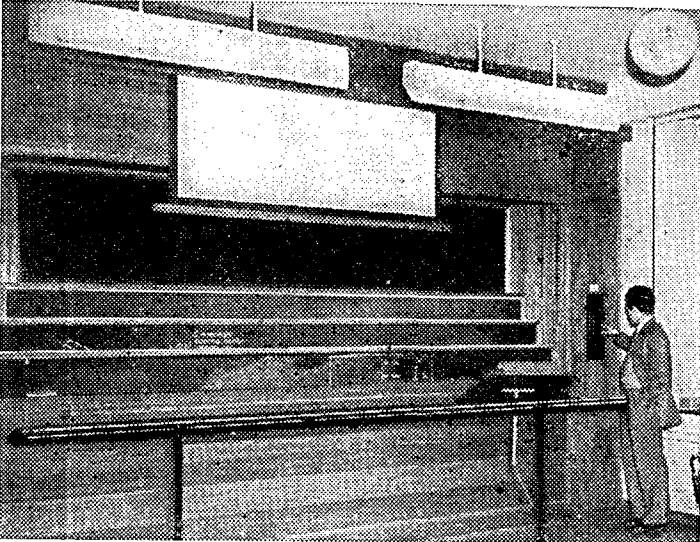
Studying a scale model of Chinley, Derbyshire



A third-year student using a transparent tracing table



Professor R. A. Cordingley taking a class in the lecture hall



The mechanically-operated triple blackboard and projection screen

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READING AND LOOKING

THE librarians of Britain believe that we are "moving from the age of the written word into an oral and visual age," and that television will take the place of reading in our lives.

In other words, these men and women who do such magnificent service in guiding the reading of the nation fear that we may become lookers rather than readers.

If that happened, of course, it would be a major disaster for our people. There is, after all, no real substitute for reading; in the words of Sir Francis Bacon, "reading maketh a full man."

BUT need our friends be quite so fearful? When radio came it was prophesied that books would go out. But last year in Britain more than 18,000 new titles in books were issued—a world record.

Radio has introduced countless numbers of people to the realms of good books, just as it has introduced them to the magic of good music. We believe that television will do the same.

We believe that when TV has lost its novelty it will take a proportionate place in the life of the people, and that it will prove to be an ally, not an enemy, of reading and all other forms of culture and entertainment.

Space-ships delayed

ROCKET voyages to the Moon may one day be added to Man's achievements; but many difficult problems have yet to be surmounted.

At the Dusseldorf conference of the Society for Inter-Planetary Study, Dr. Gartmann said there could be no atomic energy for rockets for decades. A Moon rocket would have to weigh 30,000 tons, as much as a battleship, and its contents would be 150 times as heavy as the rocket itself. It would have to re-fuel at a space station.

One of these artificial satellites, circling the Earth 1100 miles out, is already being planned, said Dr. Gartmann, but the difficulties of manning it were pointed out by other speakers. Unprotected by the Earth's air belt, people on it would be exposed to dangerous cosmic rays, for instance.

It looks as though exploration of the Moon may be delayed for many, many years to come.

Australia to the fore

IN her traditional spirit of "Australia will be there," the great Dominion is tackling the problem of producing atomic energy for peacetime purposes.

Important plans for research have been announced, and Sydney University is to have a group of five nuclear scientists equal to any in the world.

Australia has not been favoured with oil resources, said Professor Marcus Oliphant not long ago, "but her deposits of uranium could make her one of the leading countries in the coming atomic age . . ."

He pointed out that the job of producing atomic power is too big for Australia to tackle alone, "but with British co-operation and a courageous outlook, the achievement is possible."

In the atomic age the British Commonwealth will not lag behind the rest of the world.

Fairy Godmother

SINCE the famous American millionaire - philanthropist John D. Rockefeller started the fund which bears his name, more than £175 million has been spent "to promote the well-being of mankind throughout the world." It aims to fulfil this purpose by making money grants to universities, research institutes, and other organisations.

During the 40 years since the Rockefeller Foundation was chartered on May 14, 1913, it has sought to advance human knowledge in medicine, public health, the natural sciences, agriculture, the social sciences, and the humanities.

Truly, this wonderful fund is like a fairy godmother to the whole world.

Village signs—4



This sign, erected in 1937 to commemorate the Coronation of George VI, represents the Pedlar of Swaffham, Norfolk. The legend is that in a dream John Chapman, a 14th-century pedlar (or tinker), walked with his dog to London. There he met a stranger who said that in a dream he learned of treasure being buried under a tree in a tinker's garden at Swaffham. John hurried home, dug beneath his tree, and there found two crocks of gold.

Thirty Years Ago

SHAKESPEARE has been broadcasted, and it must surely have been the strangest presentation of a Shakespearean drama ever seen; but very few people witnessed it, though thousands heard it.

The actors and actresses sat in easy chairs in a curtained room, and simply read the play to the broadcasting apparatus, which looks very much like a big camera. Curiously enough, however, one or two could not throw off old habits, and, though no gestures were necessary, they could not help acting as if they were on the stage.

From the Children's Newspaper, June 16, 1923

The great thing in this world is not so much where we stand as in what direction we are moving. Oliver Wendell Holmes

The best way to live

So live that when you die everyone will be sorry—even the undertaker.

That was a favourite saying of Lord Baden-Powell, according to Mr. F. Hadyn Dimmock, Editor of The Scout. He quoted it in the programme of the Warwickshire Scouts' dedication of their B-P Memorial Hut.

"He liked it because it was simple and phrased in a manner the boys could understand," writes Mr. Dimmock. "And if you had known B-P as I was privileged to know him, you would be sure of that humorous twinkle in his eye and the chuckle in his voice when after a pause following the word 'sorry,' he added the words 'even the undertaker.'"

It is a simple enough phrase, but to make it come true, as B-P did, means a lifetime of unselfishness and good humour.

Think on these Things

JESUS said that the pure in heart are happy people, for God lives with them. God made you—He does not want you to be anyone else. He made you and into your heart put His good and pure life.

Anything that has remained pure has been kept unspoiled as God made it. Hard work and long struggle are needed to keep good things pure, by warding off anything that destroys lovely things. The result is worth thinking about. F. P.

Birds at evening

Where the rising forest spreads Shelter for the lordly dome,
To their high-built airy beds
See the rooks returning home!

As the lark, with varied tune,
Carols to the evening loud,
Mark the mild resplendent moon
Breaking through a parted cloud.

Linnets with unnumbered notes
And the cuckoo bird with two,
Tuning sweet their mellow throats,
Bid the setting sun adieu.

John Cunningham

THEY SAY . . .

OF the many ties linking this family of nations, not the least is that system of Parliamentary government which is common to us all. The Queen

MUCH is asked of the nurse today, and much, as I have seen for myself, is given. Princess Margaret

WE do not want to live in a system dominated either by one man or one theme. Like nature, we follow in theme the paths of variety and change and our faith that, in the mercy of God, things will get better and better if we all try our best. Sir Winston Churchill

THE main cause of the present shortage of teachers is undoubtedly the fact that their salaries have not risen proportionately to those in other occupations. President, National Association of Head Teachers

EACH day say first thing in the morning: "I belong to a great race, a great nation, and a great Empire." You'll be surprised how much good it will do you. Lord Mayor of London

EVERYONE working in the United Nations must only think of the United Nations and not of their own nationalities. Secretary-General of U.N.

Out and About

WHEN poppies are thick in the cornfields they make a wonderful glow of colour, though not a pleasing picture to the farmer. Pimpernel and speedwell are delightful flowers, too, while the wheat is still deep green. And in the meadows, where buttercups and daisies still shine in rival constellations, the red clover is coming out, attracting the humble or "bumble" bees.

High above the fields, lost in the dazzle of light in the sky, larks are singing tirelessly and sweetly. Carried towards us by the breeze the notes stream by like tiny silver chains of sound. C. D. D.

JUST AN IDEA

As Francis Bacon wrote: The breath of flowers is far sweeter in the air than in the hand.

Under the Editor's Table



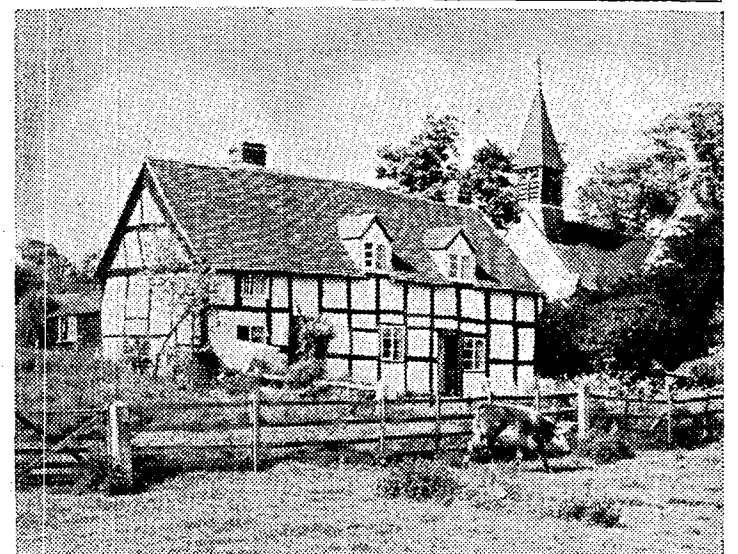
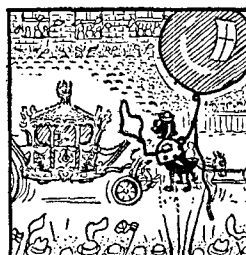
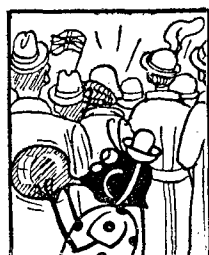
PETER PUCK
WANTS TO
KNOW

If a man on
his beam ends
should smile

A lift-worker says he is happy in his job. Yet his life is full of ups and downs.

Some people never throw anything away. Except chances.

BILLY BEETLE



OUR HOMELAND

By the village church of Wixford, Warwickshire

The Children's Newspaper, June 13, 1953

Let THE HUT MAN be your guide to Nature's

HIDDEN HAUNTS



5. Under a little bridge in June

IN the long, hot, sunny days of June it is pleasant and cooling to loiter under leafy branches, where the sunlight filters through a canopy that still holds the freshness of Spring.

If a brook murmurs past our screened resting-place the sense of coolness is even more enjoyable. It was while searching for

... a hidden brook,
In the leafy month of June,

that I discovered the pleasure and excitement of watching the wild creatures of the streamside beneath the arch of a little old grey stone bridge.

Modern structures of concrete and steel are useless for this purpose; there is no companionship about them, however well they may carry traffic. What we must find is a little arched bridge whose ancient, weathered stones are grey with lichens, whose lime has turned to kindly sand in which small ferns and crane's-bills have rooted themselves.

DURING days of flood the archway is almost filled with turbulent, impatient brown water. But during the calm, dry days of June the brook retires to its summer channel, leaving broad flat banks of rock or gravel on which we can rest in comfort.

To leave the sunny countryside by entering this hidden waterway is to visit a strange, new world. The small ferns growing from the curved ceiling seem to be there for us alone; the brook chuckles at our feet before hurrying once again into the sunny, open countryside downstream.

And how bright and cheerful those little semicircular pictures of the countryside appear, framed by the stones of the bridge's arch!

Suddenly there is a whirl of wings, a flash of black and

white, and a dipper flies past us through the arch, "with a flight that archangels might envy." These small bridges are the doorways leading from room to room of his brook home.

Did our presence startle him? No, for there on a flat-topped stone in mid-stream, in the sunshine just outside, he has alighted to indulge in the energetic bobbing dance that gives him his name.

Now he runs to the water's edge, washes a snow-white breast that was spotlessly clean before, and then begins a display of varied hunting tactics—of wading, swimming, and diving, as he seeks a lunch of water insects and other small arthropods of the stream.

From the opposite end of the arch comes a brilliantly-warbled song of crisp, businesslike notes, and next moment a wren appears, clinging to the rough grey edging stones, plump and wondrously small to be the originator of that shattering burst of music.

Busily she flutters from stone to stone, clinging with one leg stretched and the other hidden in her feathers, picking insects from the smallest crevices. But all the while she seems preoccupied with some more important thought.

At last we discover what really brought her here, for she disappears where a hemisphere of tightly-matted grasses and withered bracken-tips projects from a crack between the stones. She saw us, but did not judge us hostile, and now she has retired to nursery duties in her skilfully-built and ideally-sheltered nest.

So, one after another, the daily users of the bridge appear. A water vole wades past us from his bank burrow upstream, but, suddenly startled by our presence,

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FLEET TO SALUTE THE QUEEN

The world's ships parade at Spithead

Next Monday the Queen, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, will review her Fleet at Spithead. Standing on a specially-built platform forward of the bridge of the little despatch vessel *Surprise*, she will slowly pass down the ranks of the anchored vessels, to be cheered by the crews of each in turn.

Just over 200 ships of the Royal Navy and the Commonwealth Navies of Australia, Canada, India, New Zealand, and Pakistan—something like a third of their total strength—will be drawn up in nine lines, each about seven miles long. They will be manned by 50,000 officers and seamen, and also some Wrens.

MERCHANT SHIPPING

In addition, the vast British Mercantile Marine will be represented by 30 ships, such as liners, cargo-vessels, tankers, coasters, and colliers.

The Royal Fleet Auxiliaries—customs vessels, light vessels, a weather ship, a Canadian ice-breaker, and a cable ship—will join in this vast concourse of shipping. Trawlers and fishing vessels will represent the fishing fleets.

The review takes place in the same waters where the Queen's father reviewed his Fleet in 1937, but hardly any of the ships are

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dives and continues his journey underwater.

A weasel uses the gravel strip opposite as a short-cut, nimbly leaping a small backwater where the brook laps the side stones of the bridge. An immaculate water-wagtail flies in and alights on our own pebbly bank, sees us, and hurriedly disappears again in a flutter of sunlit black and white.

And not the least of the pleasures of this bridge-watching is the final emerging again, to the sun and the warmth and the sounds of the outside fields. But the next time we walk that way, and cross the brook by the bridge, we will remember the plants and creatures we watched while sitting in their company under its weathered old arch, in that hidden haunt of the stream.

the same. In 1937 the 142 Royal Navy ships present represented a greater total tonnage.

The battleship is now obsolete; offensive power lies with the carriers, and defence against the submarine and against the increasing menace of mines demands many more small vessels. The new ships lack the gracefully-raked lines of 1937, but they have greater speed, greater gunpower, and better accommodation.

Only one battleship, the *Vanguard*, will be on review, against eleven last time. But there are eight aircraft carriers—three more than in 1937. They carry piston-engined *Sea Furies* and *Fireflies* and jet *Attackers*.

There will be fewer cruisers, but a new class, the *Darings*—a name coined for them, as *Dreadnought* was invented for the 1908 warship. They are something between a light cruiser and a large destroyer.

FEWER DESTROYERS

There will be fewer destroyers, too, their place being taken by the smaller frigates, which did not exist in 1937. On the other hand, many more minesweepers and other coastal craft will be seen.

The Queen will look out with special interest for her husband's ex-command, the frigate *Maggie*; for the *Vanguard* (in which she will dine) which took her to South Africa; the *Trinity House* yacht *Patricia* in which her husband sailed to the Olympic Games; and other old friends. She sailed in the *Surprise* once before, when she returned from Greece to Malta.

FOREIGN WARSHIPS

She will see many ships of great naval interest, ranging from Britain's newest carrier, the *Eagle*, to the revolutionary little fast patrol vessel, *Bold Pathfinder*, driven by gas turbine engines.

Warships of 15 foreign nations will also be present, including the United States cruiser *Baltimore*, and the Russian cruiser *Sverdlov*.

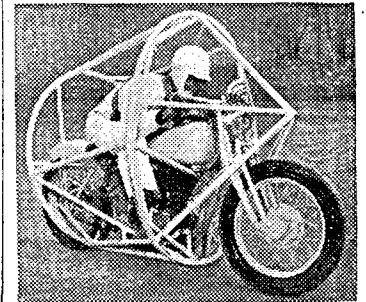
The Italian representative will be the only sailing vessel (apart from yachts and sailing barges) in the whole Review. She is the full-rigged ship *Amerigo Vespucci*, which has a sail area of 22,600

square feet, and whose yards will be manned by young midshipmen.

Honourable little ships at the Review will be five of those that sailed to Dunkirk in the momentous June of 1940 to rescue the British Army. Exactly 13 years later these gallant vessels have been chartered by James Burness, Ltd., to take visitors to Spithead.

They are the motor vessel *Vecta*, which normally operates between Southampton and the Isle of Wight, and four famous paddle

Stunt man



An American stunt man of Illinois has designed this motor-cycle which he rolls over and over in his work.

steamers which for many years have taken holiday-makers on trips round the island—the *Bournemouth Queen*, *Emperor of India*, *Consul*, and *Embassy*.

The five veterans will anchor in Stokes Bay, and from there the passengers will have a fine view of the whole Review.

The first British Naval Review in the modern manner took place at Spithead 180 years ago, when George III inspected his fleet in 1773, and knighted two of his admirals on the quarterdeck of the flagship, the *Barfleur*. Other Naval Reviews have included the Review by the Allied Monarchs in 1814; and Queen Victoria reviewed her Fleet exactly 100 years ago on board the first *Victoria* and *Albert*, and again two years later in the second royal yacht of that name.

This year's Coronation Naval Review will last for three hours, and will include a Fleet Air Arm flypast. In the evening the warships will be floodlit.

Empire Mosaic—35

by Ridgway

RUBBER TAPPING

Britain took rubber trees to Malaya from the Amazon via Kew in 1877. Today there are 300,000,000 trees there which yield more than 600,000 tons of natural rubber annually.

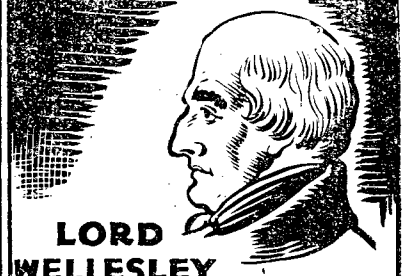


WALKABOUT

The Australian aborigine is essentially nomadic and when he goes on a "walkabout" he travels lightly. Apart from his hunting equipment he carries a small dilly bag and bark basket.

KING THAKOMBAU'S CLUB

Before finally ceding Fiji to Britain, King Thakombau wished to send to Queen Victoria his only possession of value, his favourite war club. In 1932, King George V returned the club to Fiji, and there, topped with a silver crown and emblems of peace, it is now used as the mace of the Legislative Council.



LORD WELLESLEY

Scholar and statesman, Lord Wellesley was selected by Pitt in 1797 to be Governor-General of India. At that time British power was not supreme in India, but at the end of his administration the foundations of British India were securely laid.

PAINTING MARKS ON A BEE'S BACK

Painting a mark on a bee's back is a tricky job; the artist does not want anyone to jog his elbow, and he does want the bee to keep still!

How it is done—and why—was explained recently to some 350 lucky London sixth-form boys and girls who were privileged to be guests of the Royal Society at Burlington House, and were shown several fascinating exhibits illustrating the development of science.

The bees belonged to a flat hive with a glass back which allows scientific study of their social habits. Some of them had been marked so that the trained observer could detect which bees carry out certain duties in the hive; and the visitors were told that they are first anaesthetised—to make them keep still—and that the marks are applied with a brush.

Scientists tell us that the complex social life of bees has been produced by progressive changes in feeding, and that sharing of food has become a method of communication among them.

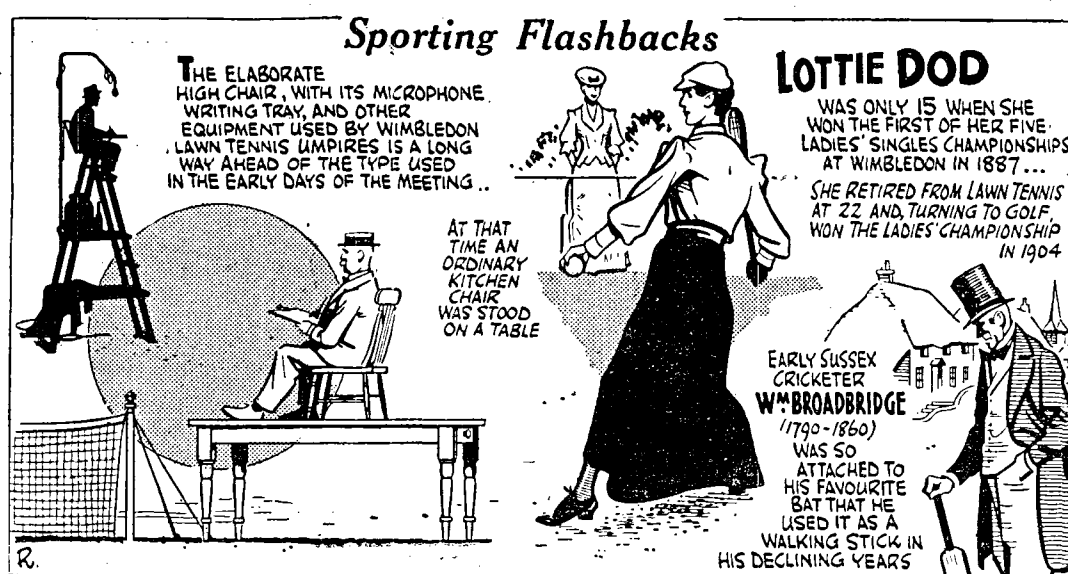
The bees recognise their companions, because those that share the same diet have the same smell; and this allows the bees to inform one another about crops which can be gathered, and helps them to arrange their labour so that the right numbers work on each job.

This exhibit was provided by the Rothamsted Experimental Station.

BIRD-LIFE OF AN IRISH ISLAND

Nine Ulster naturalists have spent a fortnight observing the birds on lonely Great Saltee Island off County Wicklow. During their stay they trapped almost 300 birds, which they weighed, measured, and ringed before releasing them again.

Among the birds were the golden oriole, woodchat, shrike, and desert lark, as well as two species never before recorded in Ireland—a nightingale and a tawny pipit.



WHERE TRAINS RUN IF REQUIRED

While they are in Britain, the Coronation delegates from Sierra Leone are having discussions with experts about one of their country's most perplexing problems—the Sierra Leone railway.

Sierra Leone is proud of the narrow single-track which wanders through the jungles from Freetown for about 500 miles, but for many years it has been steadily losing money.

The railway was opened about 60 years ago to carry the palm kernels to the coast, and it has brought much prosperity to Sierra

Leone. Even today lack of good roads makes the little line still necessary.

But when a passenger sets out on the Sierra Leone railway he is sure of adventure.

To begin with, he must consult the time-table—and the first difficulty is encountered. For it lists first of all those trains that *do* run according to the time-table—the ones that the drivers, stokers, and guards of Sierra Leone's half-dozen sets of rolling stock will do their utmost to run.

Then it lists the trains that run if they are not cancelled. And finally there are the trains that run if there is sufficient demand—cancelled trains which are suddenly put back into service.

Once it is on its way the train puffs along at about 18 m.p.h., a good speed considering that the track is so winding.

A CN representative who travelled along the line recently found that in 136 miles the train made 75 complete turns and climbed an 1800-foot mountain.

On the return journey the engine

ran out of steam, and in the middle of the night the driver built a fire under the boiler for extra heat!

Frequently the track slips away in a landslide, and when Sierra Leone's torrential rains pour down the coal is washed off the tender.

But still the trains meander along, passing hundreds of Sierra Leonians walking in single file by the track who always smile and wave at their undaunted railway which loses money every year.

HE IS A JACK-OF-ALL-JOBS

If ever a man could rightly call himself busy it is 44-year-old Mr. Maurice Selby, who lives in the village of Medge Hall, not far from Doncaster.

He is in charge of the local railway station, and is responsible for goods traffic as well as passengers, for loading, checking, and labelling wagons, for attaching and detaching wagons from local pick-up trains, for tending signal lamps, for collecting tickets, and for answering correspondence.

Mr. Selby also acts as bridge gateman at the nearby canal, and

to this job is attached that of water bailiff, involving the inspection of cargoes on behalf of the Customs authorities. And if you inquired at Medge Hall for the village carpenter, you would be directed to Mr. Selby.

Even this does not exhaust the list of Mr. Selby's activities, for he is also a special constable, the sole representative of the law in the village.

Considering his formidable list of duties it is as well for Mr. Selby that the population of Medge Hall is only 68.

THE LOST WORLD—Picture-story of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's famous thriller (1)

Professor Challenger, a zoologist of great learning, enormous strength, and ungovernable temper, returned from a lone exploration of the Brazilian jungle with a

story of prehistoric reptiles surviving there on a high plateau, which was cut off from the outside world by towering cliffs. He said he had been to the base of the

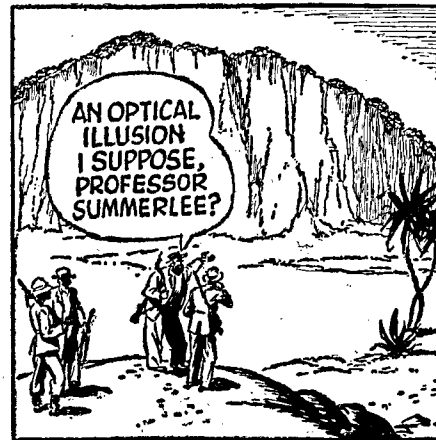
cliffs. Few believed him, and at a scientific meeting students enraged him by their jeers. This picture-version is given here by permission of John Murray (Publishers) Ltd.



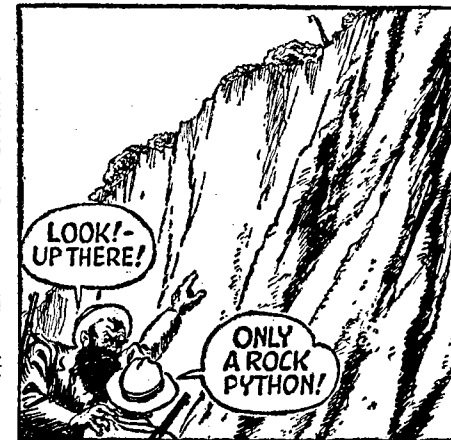
One of the scientists, Professor Summerlee, was particularly acid in his criticism of the explorer's claims. Challenger called for volunteers to go with him to see these wonders for themselves, and Summerlee agreed to go. Two younger men, Lord John Roxton, a well-known big-game hunter, and Edward Malone, a journalist, offered to make up the party. An expedition was organised, and they sailed to South America.



They travelled a long way up the Amazon by steamer, then, accompanied by a few Indians and half-breeds as carriers, went on by canoe until the stream became too shallow. They continued on foot into an unknown land shunned by Indians through fear of the "Spirit of the Woods." Peppery Challenger, still wearing his absurd straw hat, had many heated arguments with the cantankerous Summerlee.



After a long march through bamboo forest and across a plain of tree ferns, they came to a country far away from any human habitation. Then they caught sight of a line of towering red cliffs, in places some 1000 feet high. This corroborated part of Challenger's story, and he strutted about like a prize peacock. Summerlee was sceptical, still far from convinced that any prehistoric creatures lived up there.



They pitched their next camp right under the cliffs. Summerlee said he doubted whether there was any form of animal life whatever on the plateau. Then Challenger pointed to the cliff-top, and they saw a large snake-like head appear for a moment. Summerlee scoffed at the idea that it belonged to some unknown creature. Next they discussed how they could reach the plateau. The cliffs looked unclimbable.

Can they find a way of getting up to this unknown land? See next week's instalment

Continuing

TUESDAY ADVENTURE

by John Pudney

Fred and I go to Norway with Uncle George, who is working on a secret scientific project. We meet a Norwegian boy, Hans, and his sister, Greta. We run into trouble with a man named Malcolm Murdoch, and then with two gunmen. We go into some disused mine workings, where Uncle George and his friend Bengt Olsen are probably held prisoner. Another prisoner, Robin Murdoch, escapes. We decide to leave, but our only way out is suddenly cut off by the lowering of a portcullis. We are trapped.

13. On the monorail

HANS acted first. "I'm going to see who's up there on the platform," he whispered. He tiptoed away, climbing out of sight towards the level of the platform.

After waiting for a few minutes we heard a low whistle from Hans. He was almost directly above us. We crept along the terraces so that we could see him.

"You'd better come up," he called.

Very little more was said until we had reached the platform and examined the winch. It was clamped at the far end of the platform, and there was a simple rig for the hawsers that carried the portcullis. But where we expected to find a winding handle, there was nothing but a simple metal casing. "A press-button job," Hans said. "Perhaps the switch is somewhere behind the grille..."

Not only was there no switch behind the grille, nor indeed anywhere else on the platform, but there were no electric leads from the winch itself. A close examination gave us only a very slender clue. Though the winch was totally encased, there was a grid, rather similar to a television aerial, hanging above it.

Trapped

"That grid must be some kind of receiving apparatus," said Hans. "That means the winch may be worked from somewhere else by remote control."

We tried everything and searched everywhere for a control point, but it became more and more obvious that we were quite trapped.

"Wouldn't there be other exits from the workings higher up in the mountain?" I suggested.

"Usually there are," agreed Hans.

"What about Uncle George's drawings? Perhaps they'll help us," said Fred.

We studied the detail of Section C. There was nothing to mark the great harbour under the mountain, but there were several dotted lines marked possible run of shafts. Two of these finished with arrows marked exit?

"Remember that was probably sketched before they ever saw this place," Greta said. "But it's something to go on. I suggest we climb up inside the workings and see if we can find a way out."

"It's a bit mad when we know that there are a couple of gunmen

somewhere inside there," Fred said. "But there's still a chance that we shall run into Uncle George and Bengt Olsen."

"And don't forget there's Malcolm Murdoch," I added.

Before leaving the jetty we untied the red boat, towed her along and hid her in the first dark place we came to.

We reached the mouth of the workings, and Hans said: "Let's have a look at this monorail car. I don't see why we shouldn't use it ourselves..."

I agreed with Hans. "If you can make it go," Like a stationary motor-bike, the monorail car was propped up against a platform in the alcove.

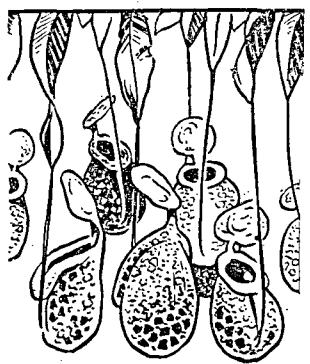
"We'll never move it until we get its engines started," said Hans. "I expect it's gyroscopic... The engines start a piece of machinery like a giant top."

The streamlined body of the car was not unlike the driver's cabin of an underground railway train but smaller, lower, and simpler. It also reminded me of a long, low, covered-in motor-bike, but with four wheels in line astern instead of two. Hans slid aside the cabin door. "Better let me have a crack at it first."

He was too tall for the car, and had to kneel down to poke about among the controls. A starter whirled, but the engine did not come to life.

Curiosity got the better of us. One by one we slipped inside.

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None of us could stand up and, as the car was probably built to take only two, we were all very cramped.

"What's this thing on the roof?" Fred exclaimed, sliding back a panel which revealed a grid rather like the one above the winch.

I had to screw myself sideways to see it, and my elbow came down awkwardly on something that gave slightly under me. Immediately another starter began to whirl, and the noise rose to a high-pitched humming.

"That's the gyroscope!" shouted Hans, as the car trembled and then suddenly began to pitch from side to side.

I steadied myself as best I could, but the strap of my haversack caught on a ledge just below the front window of the car. As I wrenched myself free, the car zoomed forward.

It was like an aircraft taking off. It was, of course, too violent. Hans quickly unhitched the strap of my haversack and eased back the lever I had inadvertently wrenched forward. We sped towards one of the tunnels.

As Hans began to get things into control, we arranged ourselves in some sort of order, kneeling and facing the way we were going. The lever controlled the speed, and Hans was able to reduce our forward movement almost to walking pace. "But I'm not at all sure if I know how to stop her."

Check up

"If you stop everything at once, surely she'll wobble and fall over like a top running down?" I said.

"That's just what I'm afraid of. I don't think we'd better take the risk at the moment. What we need now are lights."

Fred found an interior lighting switch similar to that in a motor-car. At least this gave us a chance to look about us properly. Hans checked over the instruments. "There are two starters: one for the motor and one for the gyro. This joystick affair works the front wheel. There must be a reverse somewhere, and also some kind of clutch for when we need to stop. The power unit's in the back." He broke off as a joyous cry from Fred told us that he had discovered the lighting system at last. Then our headlight came on.

By this time we had entered the main shaft, and our headlight showed that the tunnel curved first one way and then the other. It seemed as if we were climbing.

Meanwhile, Fred had reached up again to the roof and had slipped back the panel so that the grid was free to move. "Let's see if it picks up anything," he said, raising the grid gently on its hinges...

It was as if he had put the brakes on. With the huffing sound of pneumatic pressure, we came to a standstill, our motive power and our gyro still running.

"I say," gasped Fred, "doesn't this mean we've cut into remote control?"

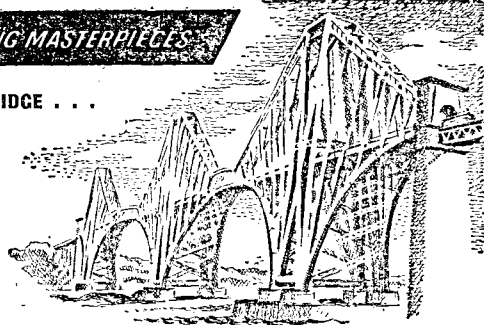
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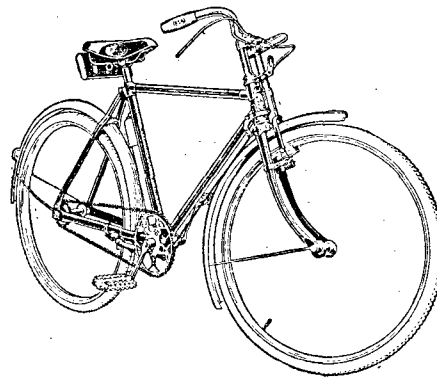
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ONE of the most eagerly-awaited Test Matches begins on Thursday, when England and Australia meet for the first time this season at Trent Bridge, Nottingham. Eight previous Tests between the two countries have taken place at this famous ground, of which Australia have won three, England two, with two drawn and one abandoned owing to rain.



The girls of St. Margaret's School, Folkestone, have a very good cricket team, and here we see 15-year-old Pamela Alcock, one of the team's slow bowlers.

LANCE-CORPORAL COLIN SMITH, a young Serviceman, has been spending his leave playing for Lancashire, and against Kent his fast bowling brought him a match analysis of eight for 87. When his Army service is completed later this year, he hopes to study architecture at Cambridge.

AN ashtray bearing a medallion commemorating the Coronation is to be presented to all competitors at Wimbledon this month.

MR. A. E. CREW must find great satisfaction in his new post as official scorer to Gloucestershire C.C.C. Two of the members of the side, Arthur Milton and John Mortimore, were among Mr. Crew's pupils when he was English and Sports master at the Cotham Grammar School, Bristol.

YORKSHIRE tennis history was made a few days ago when the county ladies team included a mother and two daughters. The girls, 16-year-old Evelyn Fulton and her sister Joyce, aged 15, are the daughters of Dr. and Mrs. Leslie Fulton of Wakefield. Evelyn and Joyce are the present Yorkshire junior doubles champions.

PHYLLIS GREEN, the 19-year-old Ilford girl who won the National cross-country championship in 1951 and 1952, and recently beat Mrs. Valerie Winn, world record half-miler, in a race over that distance, is training hard to become the first girl to run a mile in five minutes.

FIVE of the village stoolball team at Blackstone, Sussex, are Pesketts—from Grandmother Peskett at 58, to young Pamela aged 13. Stoolball, a forerunner of cricket, is played with a soft ball, round bat, and a wicket 12 inches square.

THE English Bowling Association is celebrating its jubilee this week. This Association, strangely enough, was started by Dr. W. G. Grace, the famous cricketer, who became its first president. There are now 2200 affiliated clubs throughout the counties.

EXPERIENCED judges are predicting a bright future for 17-year-old Peter Marner, who has made such a good start in the Lancashire County cricket team. He made his home debut in the First XI at Old Trafford, Manchester, in the traditional Lancashire v. Yorkshire fixture.

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Then Hans snapped: "That's enough, drop that grid back!"

Fred did so, and the effect was like a release of brake. We sped forward again, gathering speed.

"Try it again, Fred," Hans said, when we came to a straight stretch. "I don't think we're on remote control all the time. It simply works when you bring the grid into action."

Fred did it again, and we stopped. Then he said: "Suppose I move the grid right over so that it falls down flat the other way?" We told him to try.

It was rather like one of those old-fashioned windows you used to see in the roofs of motor-cars, but the hinges were on runners so that you could raise it one way till it was upright, then run the hinges along and shut it the other way.

"That's probably so that you can lift it against the slipstream whichever way the car is going, forward or back," Fred got it into the upright position. Then he pulled the hinges across and began to lower the grid the other

way. Once more there was that pneumatic huffing sound, then we began to move—backwards.

Everything was in confusion again. But after a few moments Hans seemed to think he had the car under control. "The stick and all the other controls work in reverse," he said. "But we don't want to turn ourselves over to remote control like that—unless we simply can't find any other way of running backwards. If we don't find out how to reverse under our own steam, so to speak, we can always try it again. Turn the grid over again, Fred, and we'll go on."

But before Fred had raised the grid, there came a roaring of engines and a blaze of light in the tunnel ahead of us.

"Look out! It's another monorail car coming towards us!"

It was. It came screaming round the curve at high speed and passed us with a wuff! As it went round the sharp curve behind us, it began to brake.

"Quick, Fred. Shift that grid over! They've seen us."

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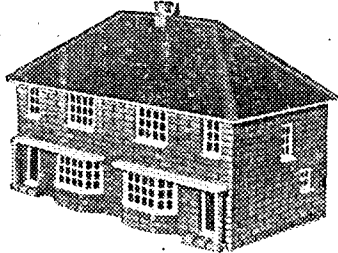
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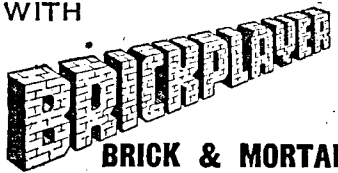
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Many exotic fish fashions will be displayed. For example, two tiny fish from Florida are coffee-brown and beige in colour, with a

touch of black at their edges. Fashions in facial adornment are shown by a fish with a mouth like a humming bird's beak, while another affects one shaped like a butcher's hatchet.

Among the amphibians is a giant South American toad, bigger than a tea plate. It weighs 1½ lbs. and eats small rats!

Aquariums are widely popular these days; there is hardly a village in Britain without an Aquarists' Club. But the hobby is an old one. Samuel Pepys wrote in his diary just 288 years ago: "Thence to My lady Pen, where my wife and I were shown a fine rarity of fishes kept in a glass of water, that will live so for ever and ever: finely marked they are too, being foreign of course."

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FRANCE has a new stamp symbolising dress design.

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"Good. Then please carry on. Here is a hammer, a saw, and some springs."

Find the man

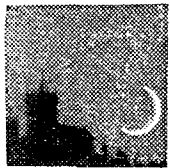
EACH line describes something which begins with MAN. Can you name them?

- A large city in Lancashire.
- It fell from Heaven.
- A large number.
- Production of goods.
- Part of a room.
- Shows off fine dresses.
- A very fine residence.
- Fetters for hands.

Answer next week

OTHER WORLDS

IN the evening Mercury is low in the east and Saturn is in the south. In the morning Venus is in the south-east and Jupiter is low in the east. The picture shows the Moon as it will



appear at 10 o'clock on Saturday evening, June 13.

On this day . . .

ST. BARNABAS'S DAY (June 11) is the festival of a saint of whom little is known. His early name was Joses, and he was a Levite who sold his land in Cyprus and gave the proceeds to the Apostles. He became a zealous worker with St. Paul.

It is said that the rest of his life was spent in preaching the gospel, that it was he who founded the bishopric of Milan, and that he was martyred in Cyprus.

The institution of the Feast of Corpus Christi (June 12) is due to St. Juliana, prioress of Mont Cornillon, near Liège, who, in 1246, had a wonderful vision and persuaded the Bishop of Liège to order the festival for his diocese. It became the principal feast of the Church in the 15th century.

JACKO AND CHIMP LEARN THEIR LESSON



For a long time the chums had pleaded with Captain Rang-Tang, who has a magnificent speedboat, to tow them on their raft. "Just a little way," they had always asked; and always the answer was: "You wouldn't enjoy it." But they would not believe him, and at last he agreed to give them a tow. They settled down for what was to be a nice, comfortable cruise. Alas! as the boat gathered speed it gave them a cold shower, and even their enthusiasm for speedboats was dampened by the time the journey was over!

Seeing things his way

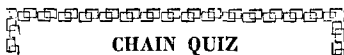
SAID the would-be wit: "I hope this rain keeps up."

"Good gracious! Why?"

"Then it won't come down."

"I'll ignore that," came the retort. "Isn't it amazing how clear the street has suddenly become?"

"That's because I have just swept it with my telescope."



CHAIN QUIZ

Solutions to the following clues are linked, the last two letters of the first answer being the first two of the second answer, and so on.

1. Fruit related to the pear, but unsuitable for eating alone; gives a delicate flavour to cooked apples and makes excellent jam and jelly.
2. Everyday name of a member of the violin family corresponding to the tenor voice in a choir; its greatest living player is Pablo Casals.
3. Youngest son of a Spanish nobleman; retired from military career at 30 and 19 years later founded the Society of Jesus, known as the Jesuits.
4. Ball game played by teams of eleven, the players using a curved stick with a net fixed to it; it is Red Indian in origin.

Answer next week

Men of Surrey

In the following paragraph the names of four Surrey cricketers are hidden. Can you find them?

"I SAY, look!" exclaimed Pat in dismay. "A herd of bullocks have strayed into the hayfield. We must drive them out." "Wait for me," called Bob. "I must get Cherry curried." "Serve you right if we didn't," Tom replied. "Riding her through all that mud, now it's a job to get off." "Let Cherry wait, Bob, or the hay will be spoiled," said Pat.

Answer next week

FARMER GRAY EXPLAINS

NIGHTINGALES. "Did you hear the nightingales singing in the Big-woods last night?" Don asked Farmer Gray.

"Indeed I did."

"I want to see a nightingale; why can't they sing during the day?" complained Ann.

"Well, they do, Ann, but there are so many other birds singing that the nightingale's song is not noticed to the same extent as when he sings alone," the farmer explained. "If you saw a nightingale you would probably be disappointed. Cock and hen are alike. They are about 6½ inches long, with sober brown plumage and pale underparts. If angered, nightingales utter a harsh purring note, very different from their beautiful, bubbling song."

Crossword Puzzle

READING ACROSS. 1 Ribbon. 4 Young of the lion. 8 Industrious insect. 9 Mythical bird. 10 Liquid measure. 11 Open. 12 Ages. 14 French for and. 15 Went red in the face. 17 Southern Region. 18 Discarded. 20 Portion. 22 Get up. 23 Eggs. 24 In short, a referee. 25 Take care of. 26 Coloured.

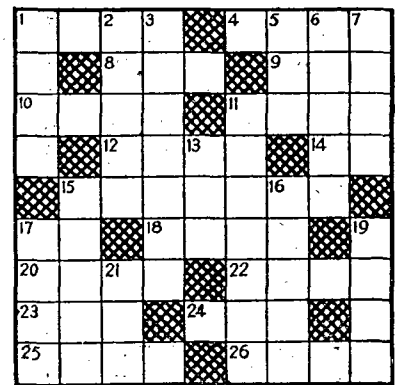
READING DOWN. 1 Sort. 2 Compartment of door. 3 Give into care of. 5 Vase. 6 Foretold. 7 Native of Scotland. 11 Escorted. 13 Tree. 15 Courageous. 16 Benefit spiritually. 17 Blemish. 19 Be ahead. 21 Hastened.

Answer next week

HIDDEN MESSAGES

To send a message in invisible writing squeeze onion juice onto your nib and write as if with ink. The message becomes visible when held in front of a fire.

The Children's Newspaper, June 13, 1953



LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

Men of Essex

The Essex cricketers hidden in the paragraph were: Preston, Dodds, Insole, Avery.

Chain Quiz

Foolscap, Apollo, Louis, isthmus.

BEDTIME CORNER

Bravo, little Brown Hen!

LITTLE BROWN HEN was not quite as clever as the other hens. So when they all began to make hidden nests in the hedges round their field where they could hide their eggs from the farmer, and so hatch their own chicks, she chose places that were easy to find. And so her eggs were always taken to be sold.

This made her very sad, for she so much wanted some chicks.

"Cheer up!" said her friend, the American dog who lodged at the farm with his American Air Force master. "You'll be lucky sometime."

Then, one day, when the fluffy white willow catkins were falling onto the farm pond and drifting there like snowflakes, Little Brown Hen found a deserted nest with five eggs hidden deep under a nearby bush.

Presently, when no other hen had returned to it, she got onto the nest and began to sit on the still warm eggs. Day followed

day, and no one disturbed her, till at last the eggs chipped. Then the yellowy babies began struggling out of their shells.

Imagine her dismay when they soon went pit-pat-paddle-pat straight to the pond and began to swim! "Come back! You'll be drowned!" she cried. But they swam on.

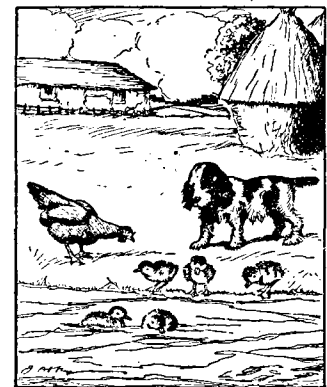
The other hens cackled with laughter, crying: "Fancy having children who behave like that!" So her happiness was all turned to shame.

Suddenly along came the American dog. "If that isn't the cutest thing!" he barked. "Bravo, Little Brown Hen! Not even

in the U.S.A. have I met a hen whose babies can swim so. You must be very proud, ma'am."

So Little Brown Hen was happy again. And not being clever, you see, she never knew she had hatched ducks' eggs, and not hen's; but she was completely satisfied with her five little ducklings.

JANE THORNCROFT

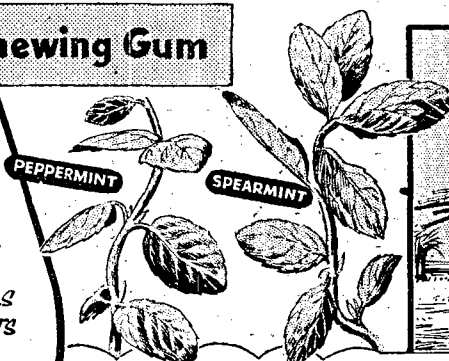


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